



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrated annually throughout the nation with various events that allow countless individuals to learn about life-changing opportunities offered by Registered Apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i recognizes the significance of participating in National Apprenticeship Week to promote Registered Apprenticeship statewide, and showcase the success of registered programs in providing a career pathway for individuals to earn wages and become skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, currently there are more than 5,000 registered apprentices; and

WHEREAS, there are 477 apprentices who completed apprenticeship programs to become skilled journeyworkers in various trades and occupations from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) as the State Apprenticeship Agency in Hawai'i is committed to continuing to expand Registered Apprenticeship to other non-construction trades/occupations; and

WHEREAS, the composition of the State Apprenticeship Council, the advisory body to DLIR on matters pertaining to apprenticeship, was also expanded to include representatives from non-traditional sectors and industries such as health care, education, and Hawai'i Job Corps; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor recently awarded Hawai'i \$4,999,707 in State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant competitive funding to develop the first registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program to help address the shortage of K-12 teachers in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher Apprenticeship Program is a partnership between DLIR, Hawai'i Teachers Standards Board, Hawai'i Department of Education and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded Hawai'i \$576,247 in State Apprenticeship Expansion Base Formula grant funds for a total amount of \$1,061,248 allocated to help build statewide capacity and support for the Workforce Development Division of the DLIR as the State Apprenticeship Agency; and

WHEREAS, this year celebrates the tenth National Apprenticeship Week with the theme, "National Apprenticeship Week 2024: Celebrating 10 Years of Engagement, Expansion, and Innovation" which reflects the transformative power of Registered Apprenticeship and its ability to bring together key national, regional, state and local stakeholders across the country to meet critical workforce needs.

NOW THEREFORE I, JOSH GREEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17-23, 2024 as

"APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing and supporting Registered Apprenticeship to help develop a skilled workforce for our State and the nation.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i on this fifteenth day of November 2024.

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i